

ROSE™



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The Story So Far...

In the land of Ttereve, magical ability is a death sentence.

As Ila fights to keep Fel alive long enough for Will and Artus to return with a cure for the plague, she discovers that she must do battle not only with his illness, but with the very forces of darkness itself.

Will and Artus risk everything with a trip to the heart of the Drucilla's power, Venta Belgarum. But does the discovery of a cure come too late to save not only Fel but themselves as well?

In a showdown of epic proportions, Drucilla confronts Sir Dante with his treachery and forces him into a battle with Thorne for the life of the girl he has sworn to protect. Will Rose find the strength to free herself from Drucilla's prison in time to save the ones she loves?

Hearts are broken and betrayals exposed in this next exciting chapter of ROSE!

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"DON'T
HURT HIM!"

THEN CALL
HIM OFF, ROSE,
BEFORE I HAVE
TO DO SOMETHING
WE'LL **BOTH**
REGRET!

SNARRRRRAWRR!

→SOB←
I CAN'T
GET THROUGH
TO HIM...
→SOB←

**PLEASE,
SIMON! YOU
HAVE TO SAVE
HIM!**

AH, HELL....



I'M ABOUT TO WRESTLE
A MAGIC-CRAZED CREATURE
WITH 9-INCH CLAWS AND
YOU'RE ASKING **ME**
TO SAVE HIM?!



RRRAWOW!

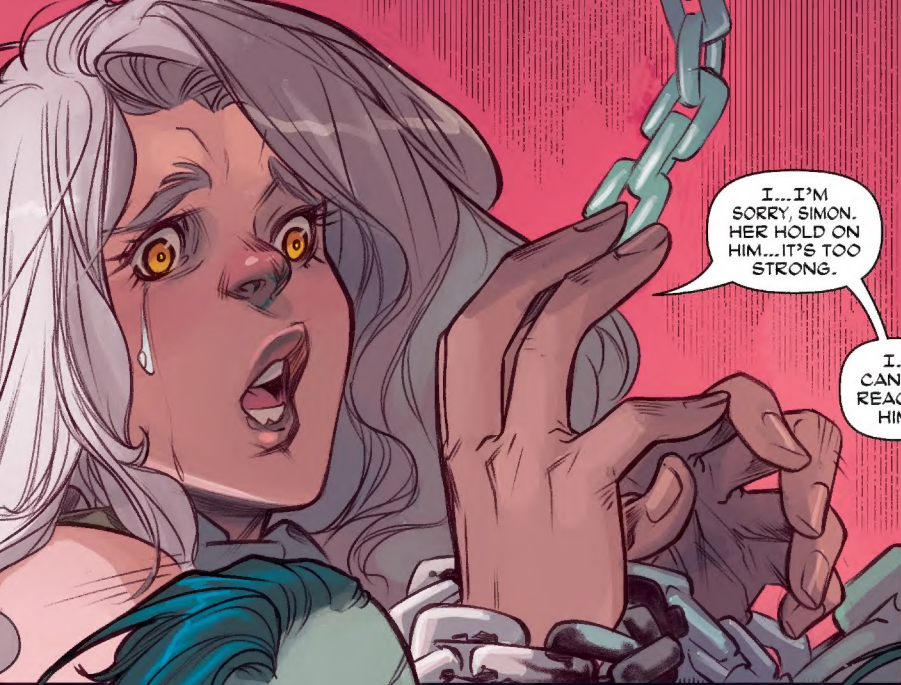
YOU'RE HIS
GUARDIAN!
**FIGHT
FOR HIM,
DAMN IT!**



BECAUSE YOU SURE
AS HELL HAVEN'T
COME THIS FAR TO
QUIT ON HIM NOW!



OOOOH! A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS AND
HER KNIGHT IN TARNISHED ARMOR
FENDING OFF THE FEROCIOUS
MONSTER....HOW DELICIOUS!



I...I'M
SORRY, SIMON.
HER HOLD ON
HIM...IT'S TOO
STRONG.

I...
CAN'T...
REACH...
HIM.



BECAUSE
THORNE
BELONGS TO
ME NOW!

WITH THE POWER
OF A KHAT AT MY
COMMAND, I WILL HAVE
DOMINION OVER LIFE AND
DEATH ITSELF. PEOPLE
WILL FALL AT MY FEET,
AND I WILL BE A GOD!



≥UMPPPPFFHH<
THE GOD OF
DARKNESS.



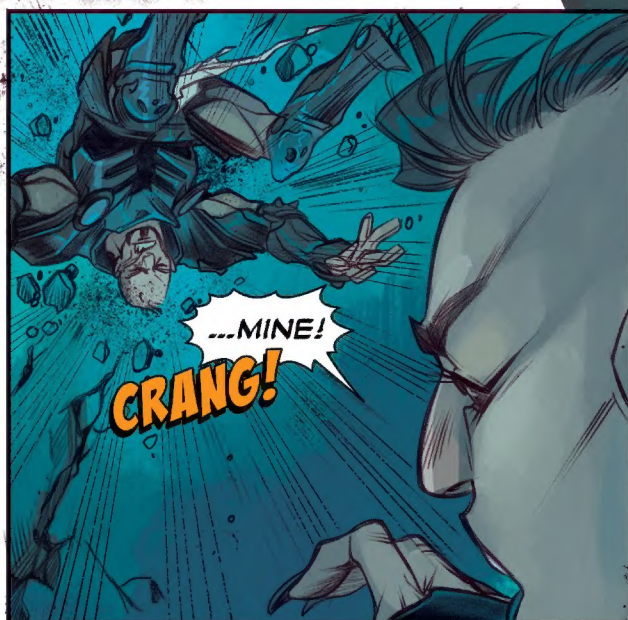
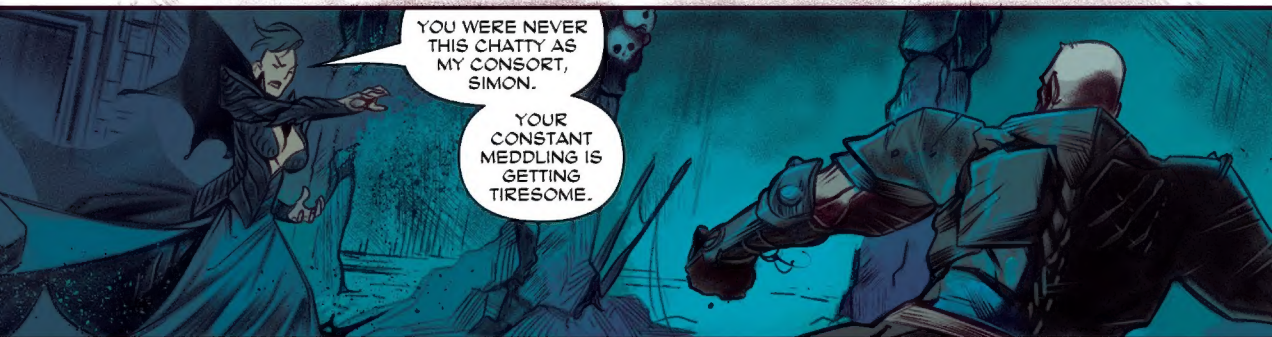
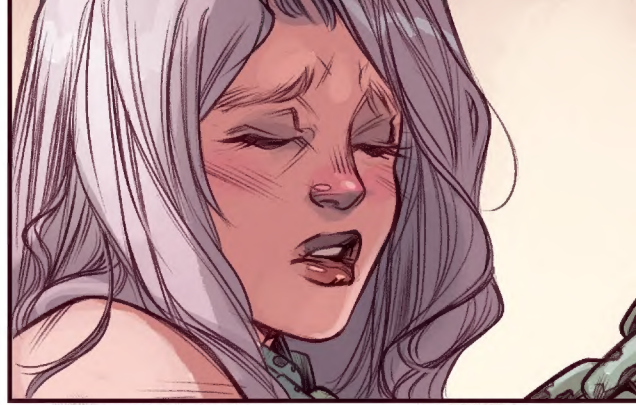
REMEMBER
WHERE YOUR
POWER LIES,
ROSE!

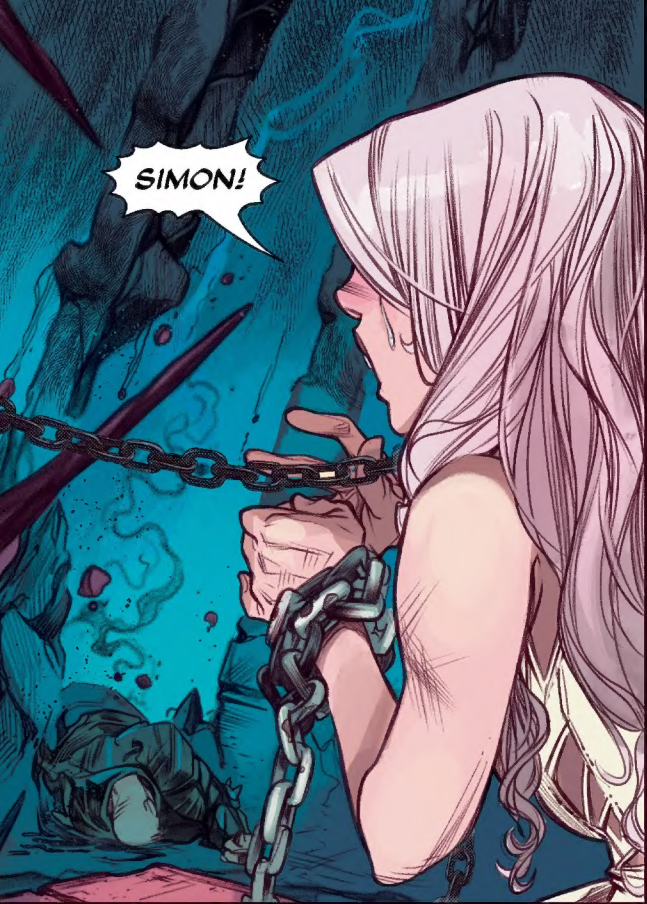


DON'T LET
DRUCILLA'S LIES
TRICK YOU INTO
FORGETTING HOW
STRONG YOU
REALLY ARE!

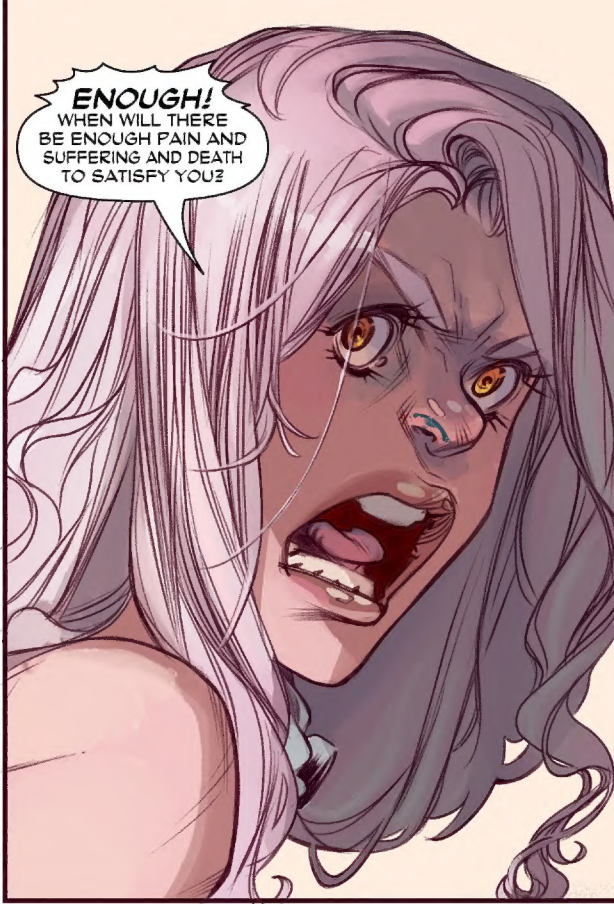


I KNOW
YOU CAN DO
THIS! YOU AND
THORNE *BELONG*
TOGETHER!





SIMON!



ENOUGH!
WHEN WILL THERE
BE ENOUGH PAIN AND
SUFFERING AND DEATH
TO SATISFY YOU?



NEVER!
THERE WILL
NEVER BE
ENOUGH.

NOW.
KILL
HER!



ELSEWHERE IN THE CASTLE.



FOUR MEN...
JUST TO GUARD THE
FAMILY CRYPT...

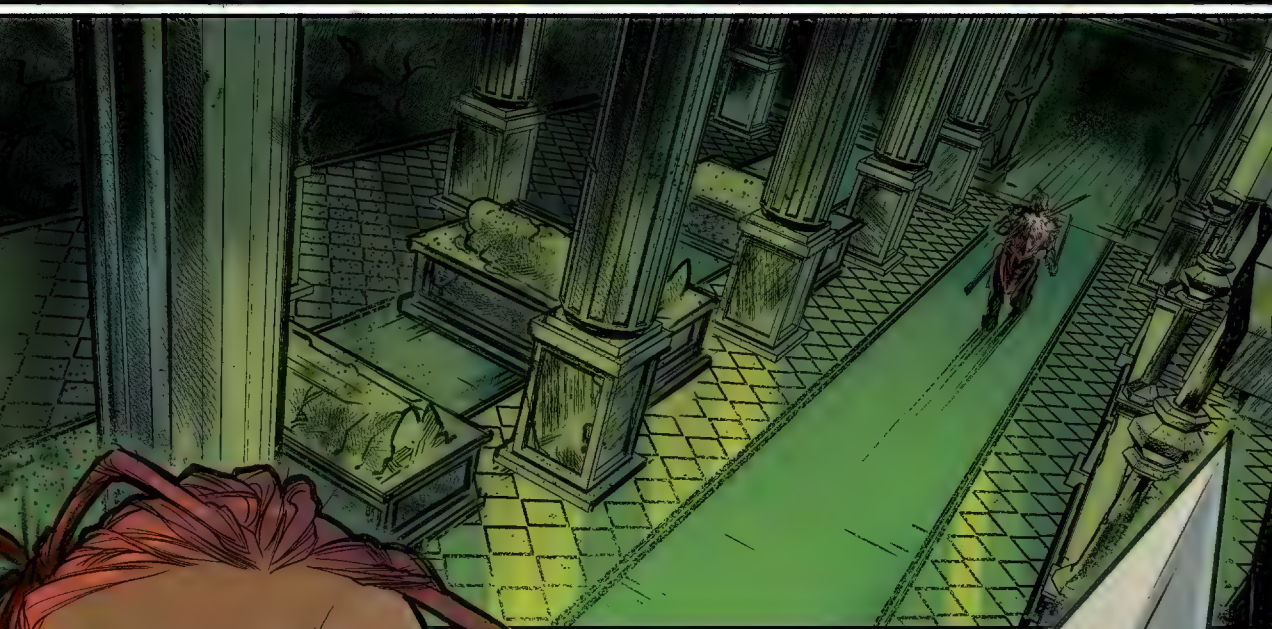


WHAT ARE
YOU UP TO,
DRU?





WHAT NEW
HORRORS ARE
YOU HIDING
DOWN HERE?



THE DEVIL
TAKE YOU, SISTER!
WHAT HELL HAVE
YOU UNLEASHED
UPON US?



THE VEIL
BETWEEN THE
REALMS WILL BE
THINNEST AT
MIDNIGHT
TONIGHT.



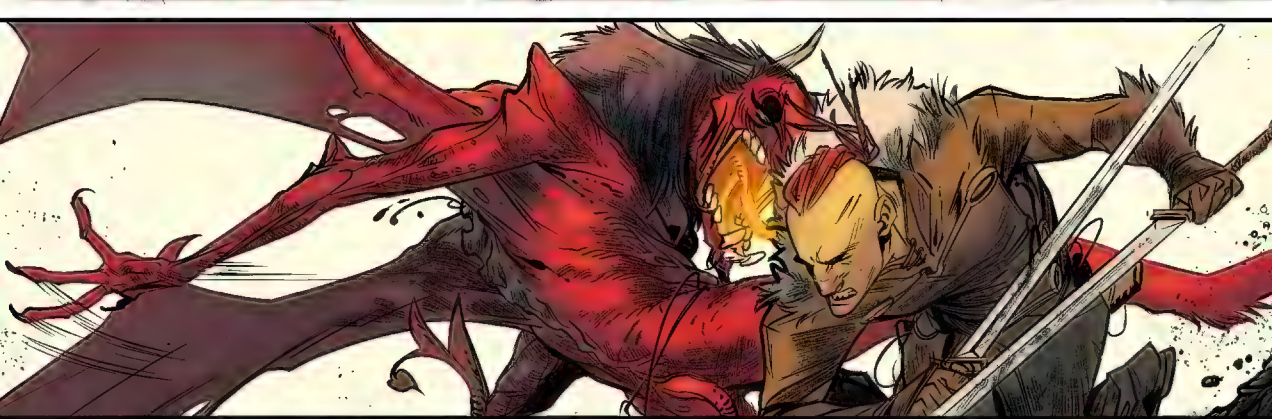
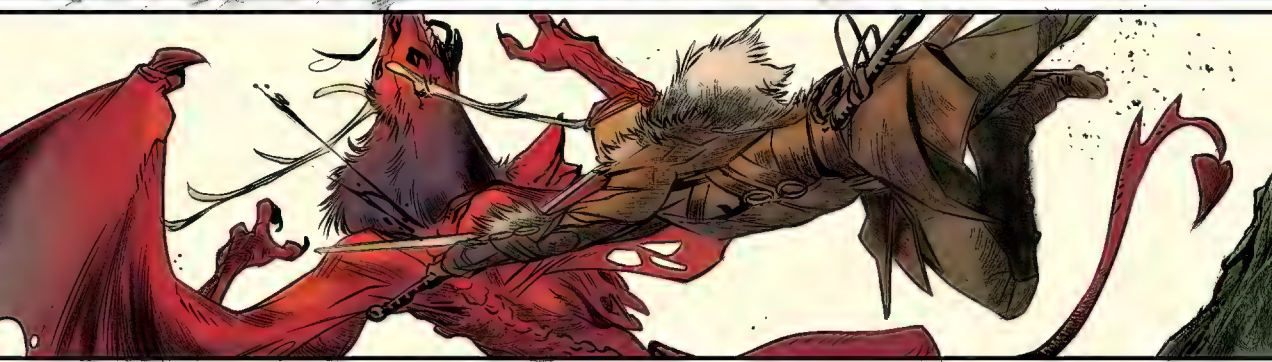
BRING THE
GIRL TO ME THEN.
IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG
SINCE I HAVE FEASTED
ON POWER AS FRESH
AND STRONG
AS HER.



BUT, UNTIL
THEN, A PRINCE
WILL SUFFICE.



I THINK
YOU'LL FIND
THIS PRINCE MORE
THAN YOU CAN
HANDLE.



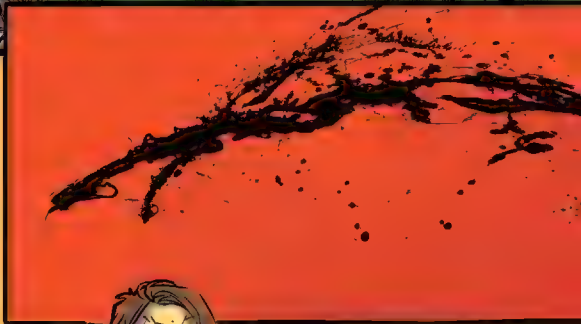
ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY.

COME OUT
WITH YOUR
HANDS UP,
REBE--!

WINDOW OR
DOOR, YER STILL
A DEAD M--

DIDN'T
EXPECT THAT
EITHER, DID
YAZ

I'M JUST
FULL OF
SURPRISES
TODAY.





THERE
HE IS! GET
'IM!



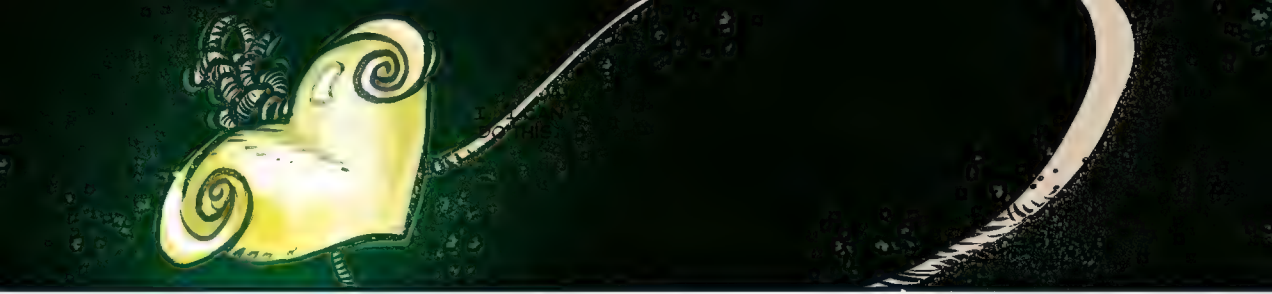
I'M DOING MY
PART, ARTUS...



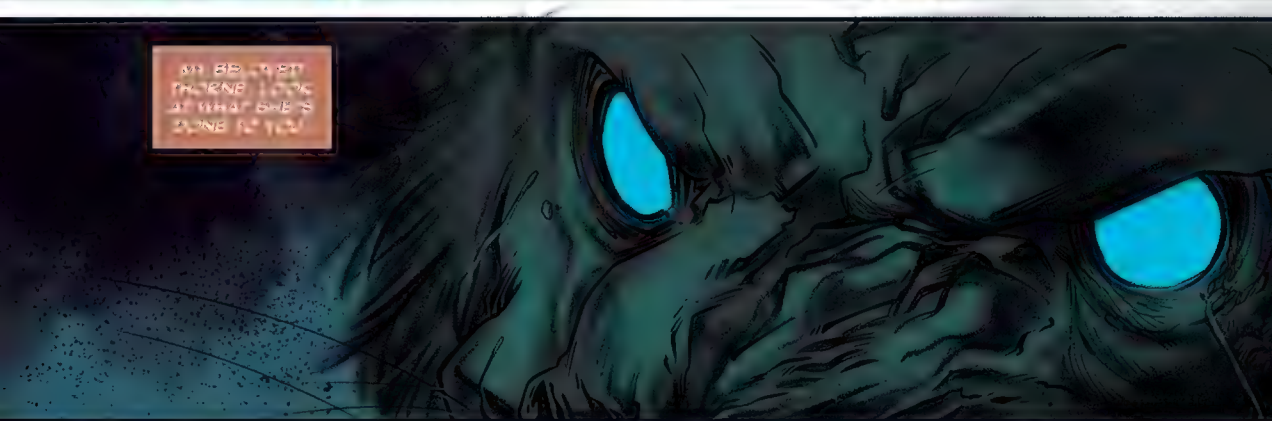
...YOU DAMN
WELL BETTER
DO YOURS...



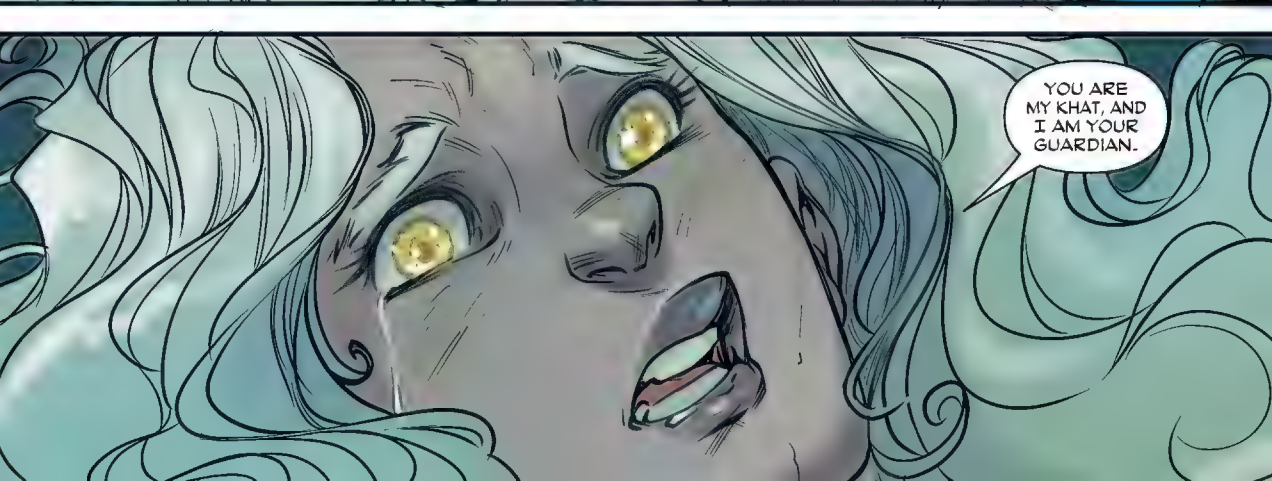
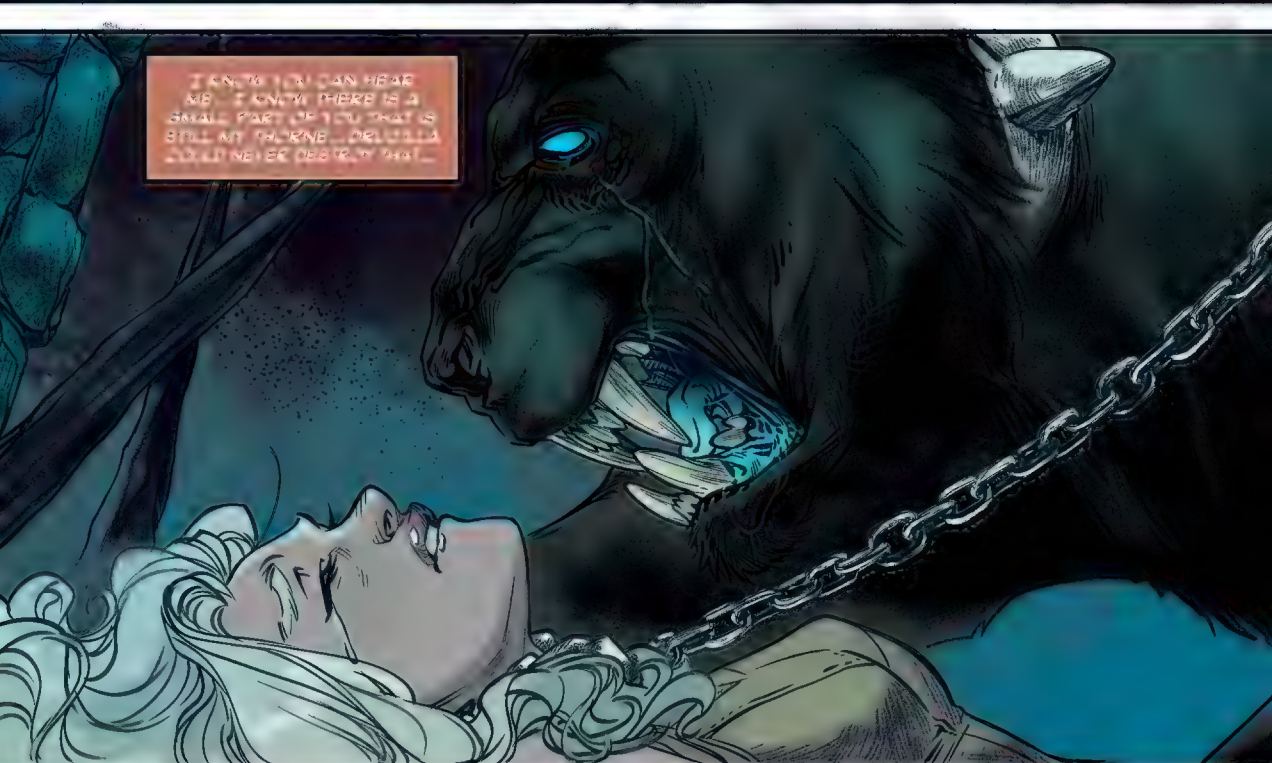
WILL, YOU
BRAVE FOOL.
I PROMISE
YOUR SACRIFICE
WON'T BE IN
VAIN.



AN BE TET
THINE LOOK
AT WHAT SHE'S
DONE TO YOU



I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR
ME. I KNOW THERE IS A
SMALL PART OF YOU THAT IS
STILL MY THINE... DRULLA
COULD NEVER DESTROY THAT...



YOU ARE
MY KHAT, AND
I AM YOUR
GUARDIAN.



WE WILL
ALWAYS BE A
PART OF EACH
OTHER.



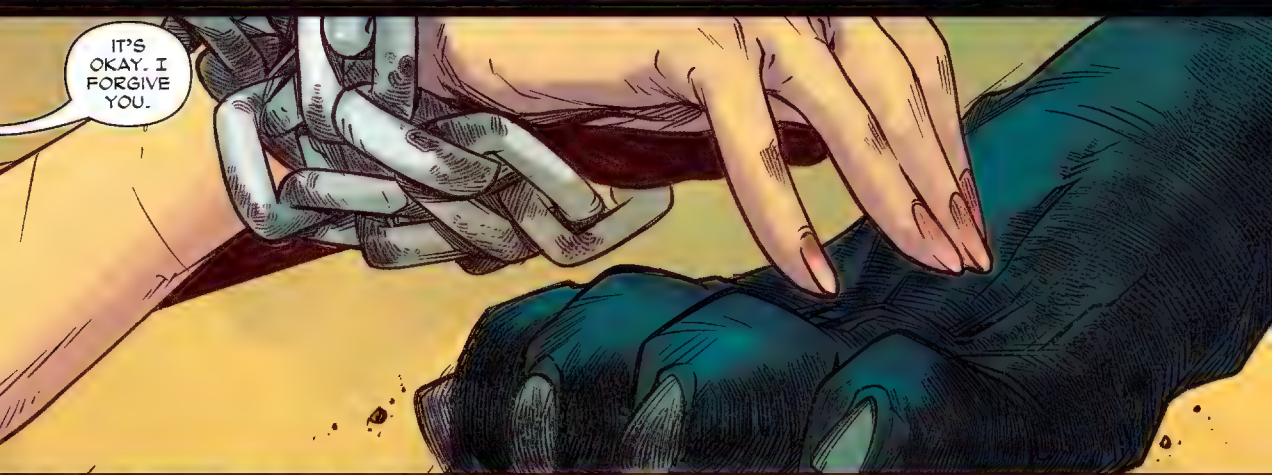
WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING
FOR?! KILL
HER!



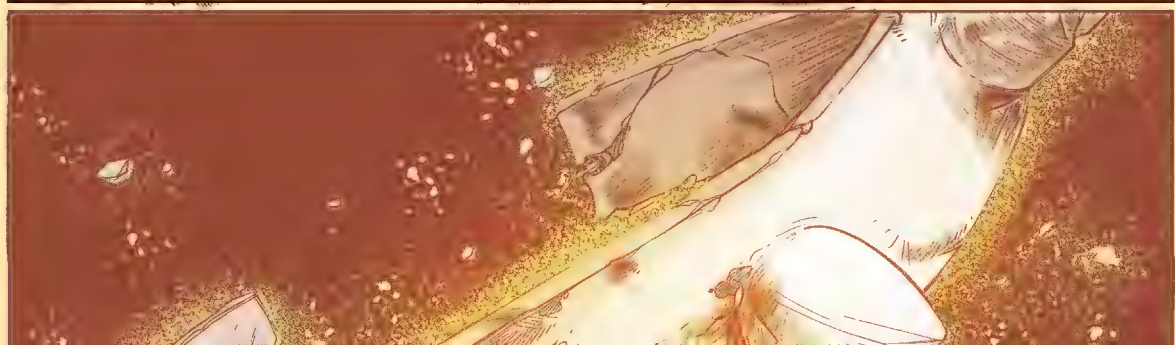
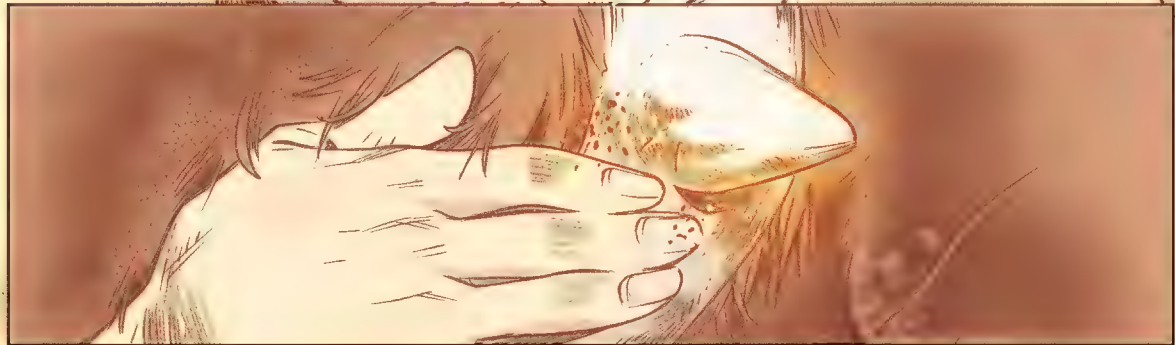
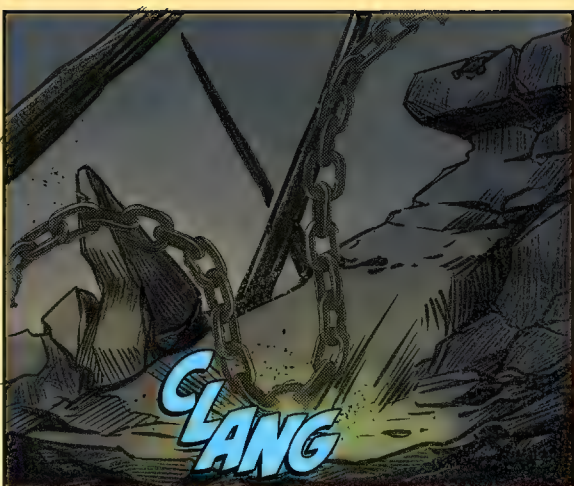
I WAS
MADE FOR YOU
AND YOU WERE
MADE FOR ME. WE
ARE TWO HALVES OF
THE SAME SOUL.
DESTINED TO BE
TOGETHER.



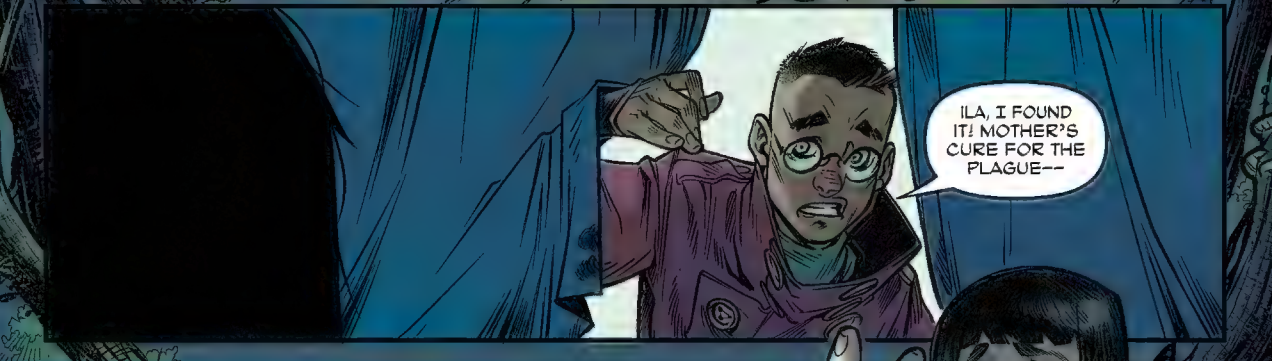
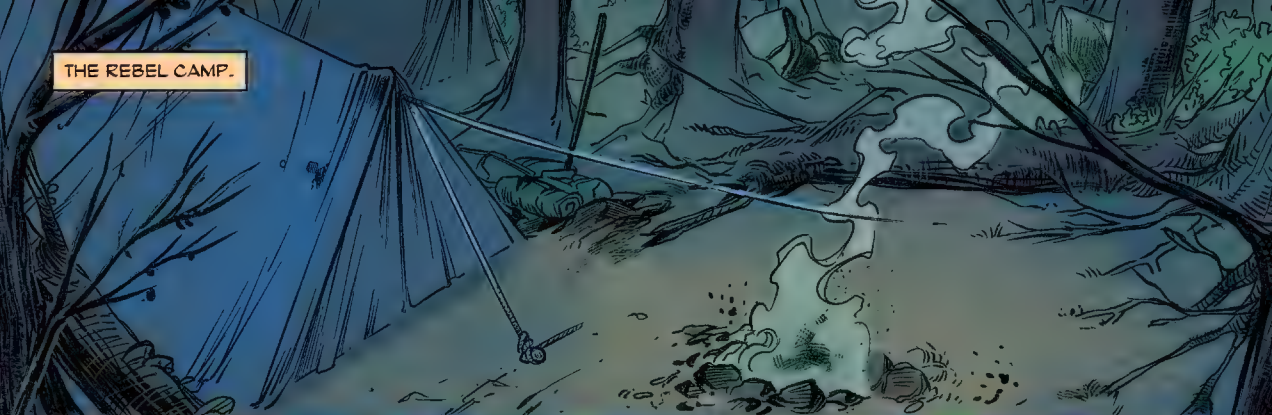
I. SAID.
KILL. HER!







THE REBEL CAMP.



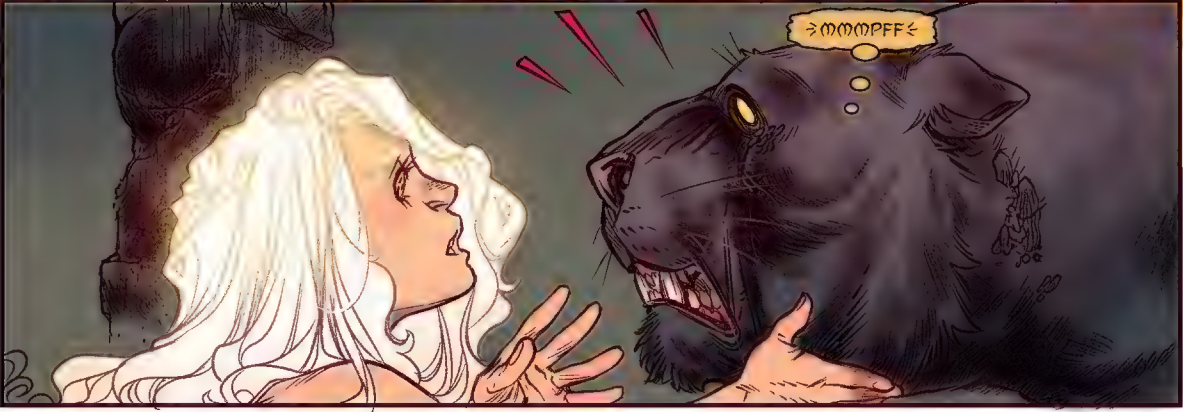


SORRY. I'M
SO SORRY, LITTLE
ONE. I ALMOST...

THORNE,
PLEASE. STOP.
THERE IS **NOTHING**
YOU COULD DO THAT
WOULD MAKE ME STOP
LOVING YOU!



THANK YOU.
THANK YOU FOR
SAVING M--



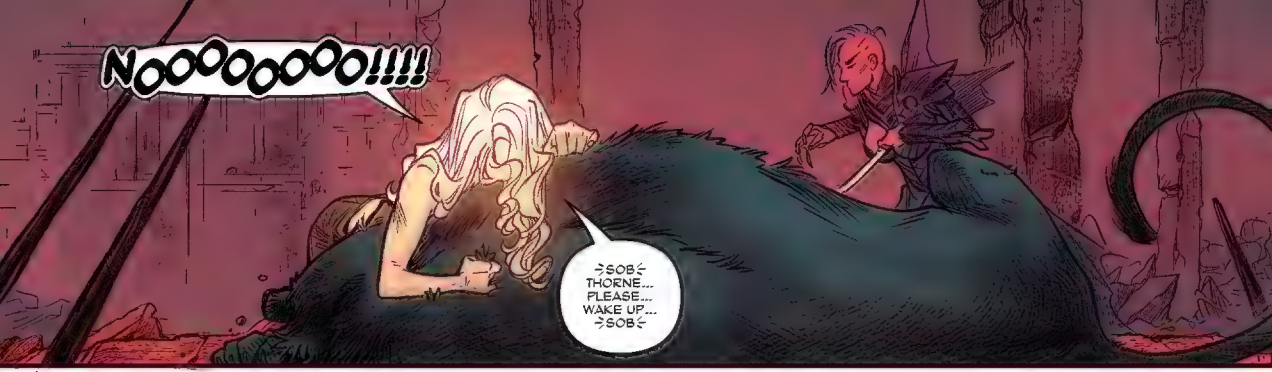
≥MMMPFF≤



THORNE...WHAT'S
WRONG...WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

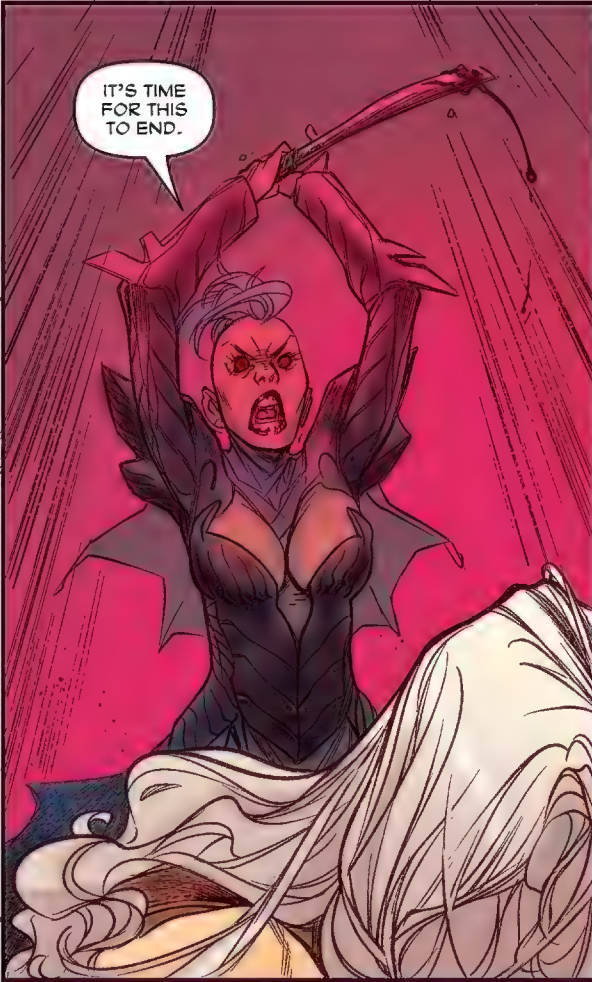


YOU WANTED
HIM SO BADLY,
GUARDIAN, NOW
YOU CAN WATCH
HIM *DIE*.

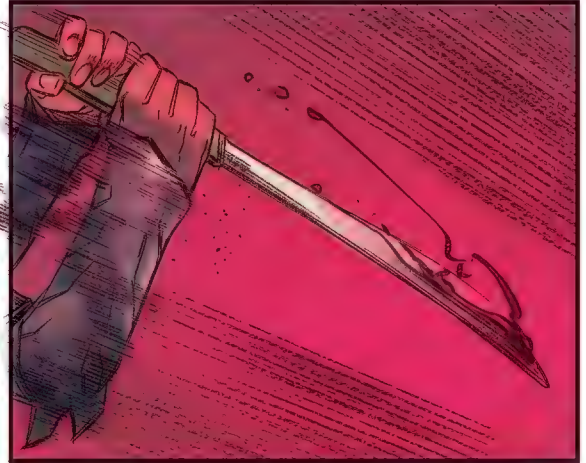


Noooooooo!!!!

>SOB<
THORNE...
PLEASE...
WAKE UP...
>SOB<



IT'S TIME
FOR THIS
TO END.



CLANG



I
COULDN'T
AGREE
MORE.



NEXT MONTH

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WE'RE GOING
TO BE LATE!



COME ON,
SIBYLLA!



ALMOST...
THERE... Ow!





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